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In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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Please add the following claims:

58, (New) An operating control system for use in controlling the viewing of a television, said control system being integrated with said television and having:

- a primary user code; said primary user code having programming rights;
- b. at least one unique secondary user code, each of said at least one unique secondary user code having customizable user rights, said customizable user rights being determined by said primary user code;
 - c. an activation/deactivation member,
- d. multiple programmable modes, said multiple programmable modes being at least activation/deactivation of said television, and at least one from the group consisting of channel selection, program selection for each of said at least one unique secondary user code.
- e. a primary user programmable mode selection means, said primary user programmable mode selection means enabling programming of each of said multiple programmable modes by said primary user for each of said at least one unique secondary user code.
- f. programmable mode activation time periods for each of said multiple programmable modes, said programmable mode activation time periods being set by a primary user for each of said multiple programmable modes for each of said at least one unique secondary user code and being selected from at least one of the group consisting of at least one activation/deactivation time of day, total activation time,



- g. input means, said input means to enter said user access code, said programmable feature selection and said programmable feature activation time period;
- h. an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said programmable feature activation time period and said programmable mode selection means by controlling each of said multiple programmable modes based upon primary user programming of said multiple programmable modes and said programmable mode activation time for each of said unique secondary user codes.

59. (New) The control system of claim 58 wherein said control system is integral to said television.

(New) The control system of claim 58 wherein said input means is removable from said television.

(New) The control system of claim 58 wherein said at least one unique secondary user code, said programmable mode selection and said programmable mode activation time period are programmed into said television by a remote member.

(New) The control system of claim 58 wherein said control system controls a plurality of televisions.

(New) The control system of claim 62 wherein each of said plurality of televisions is integrated with a control system, one of said plurality of televisions having a master control system.

(New) The control system of claim 62 wherein said control system wirelessly controls said plurality of televisions.

(New) The control system of claim 58 further comprising an alarm system.

(New) The control system of 65 wherein said alarm system activated by removal of electrical power to said control system for a predetermined period of time.

(New) The control system of 65 wherein said alarm system activated by movement of said control system for a predetermined period of time.

(New) The control system of 65 wherein said alarm system further comprises a GPS.

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(New) The method of claim 58 wherein at the end of said programmable mode

activation time periods said television enters a sleep mode.

70. (New) An operating control system for use in controlling the use of a computer, said control system being integral with said computer and having:

- a. a primary user code; said primary user code having programming rights;
- b. at least one unique secondary user code, said unique secondary user code having customizable user rights, said customizable user rights being determined by said primary user code;
 - c. an activation/deactivation member,
- d. multiple programmable modes, said multiple programmable modes being at least activation/deactivation of said computer and at least one from the group consisting of web access, web site access and access to computer programs for each of said at least one unique secondary user code,
- e. a primary user programmable mode selection means, said primary user programmable mode selection means enabling programming of each of said multiple programmable modes by said primary user for each of said at least one unique secondary user code.
- f. programmable mode activation time periods for each of said multiple programmable modes, said programmable mode activation time periods being set by a primary user for each of said multiple programmable modes for each of said unique secondary users and being selected from at least one of the group consisting of at least one activation/deactivation time of day, total activation time,
- g. input means, said input means to enter said user access code, said programmable feature selection and said programmable feature activation time period;
- h. an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input means, said programmable mode activation time period and said programmable mode selection means,

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wherein said internal control member controls operation of said computer by controlling each of said multiple programmable modes based upon primary user programming of said multiple programmable modes and said programmable mode activation time.

activation time.

(New) The control system of claim 70 wherein said control system controls a plurality of computers.

(New) The control system of claim 74 wherein said control system controls said plurality of computers through a network.

(New) The control system of claim 70 further comprising an alarm system.

74. (New) The control system of 74 wherein said alarm system activated by removal of electrical power to said computer for a predetermined period of time.

76. (New) The control system of 74 wherein said alarm system activated by movement of said computer for a predetermined period of time.

(New) The control system of 74 wherein said alarm system further comprises a GPS. (New) A method of scheduling the use of electronic equipment for multiple secondary users by a primary user using a locking system, comprising the steps of:

- a. activating said electronic equipment,
- b. entering a primary user code,
- c. entering a first secondary user code,
- d. selecting one of multiple activation modes.
- e. entering an activation time and a deactivation time for said one of said multiple activation modes,
 - f. repeating steps d and e until all activation modes are entered,
- g. saving said programmable feature and said programmable feature activation time period in said locking system-memory.

78 (New) The method of claim of further comprising the step of repeating steps c-f until all multiple activation for all secondary users are entered.

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(New) An operating control system for use in controlling the viewing of multiple televisions, each of said multiple televisions having an integrated control system and being in communication with one another and having:

- a. a primary user code; said primary user code having programming rights;
- b. multiple unique secondary user codes, each of said unique secondary user codes having customizable user rights, said customizable user rights being determined by said primary user code;
 - c. an activation/deactivation member,
- d. independent multiple programmable modes for each of said multiple televisions, said multiple programmable modes being at least activation/deactivation of said televisions, and at least one from the group consisting of channel selection, program selection for each of said at least one unique secondary user code,
- e. a primary user programmable mode selection means, said primary user programmable mode selection means enabling programming of each of said multiple programmable modes by said primary user for each of said at least one unique secondary user code.
- f. independent multiple programmable mode activation time periods for each of said multiple programmable modes, said programmable mode activation time periods being set by a primary user for each of said multiple programmable modes for each of said unique secondary users to be viewed from any of said multiple televisions and being selected from at least one of the group consisting of at least one activation/deactivation time of day, total time activation time,
- g. input means, said input means to enter said user access code, said programmable feature selection and said programmable feature activation time period;
- h. an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said programmable feature activation time period and said programmable feature selection member,

- i. removable input means, said removable input means programming said at least one unique secondary user code, said programmable mode selection and said programmable mode activation time period,
- k. transmission means to transmit programming by said primary user from one television to said multiple televisions,

wherein said internal control member controls operation of said televisions by controlling each of said multiple programmable modes based upon primary user programming of said multiple programmable modes and said programmable mode activation time and programming entered on one television is duplicated in said multiple televisions.

80. (New) The control system of claim 791 wherein one of said multiple televisions is a master control system.

(New) The control system of claim 79 wherein said control system transmits wirelessly to control systems in each of said multiple televisions.

(New) An operating control system for use in controlling the viewing of a television, said control system being integral with said television and having:

- a. a primary user code; said primary user code having programming rights;
- b. at least one unique secondary user code, each of said at least one unique secondary user code having customizable user rights, said customizable user rights being determined by said primary user code;
 - c. an activation/deactivation member.
- d. multiple programmable modes, said multiple programmable modes being at least activation/deactivation of said television, and at least one from the group consisting of channel selection, program selection for each of said at least one unique secondary user code,
- e. a primary user programmable mode selection means, said primary user programmable mode selection means enabling programming of each of said multiple programmable modes by said primary user for each of said at least one unique secondary user code,

- f. programmable mode activation time periods for each of said multiple programmable modes, said programmable mode activation time periods being set by a primary user for each of said multiple programmable modes for each of said at least one unique secondary user code and being selected from at least one of the group consisting of at least one activation/deactivation time of day, total activation time,
- g. input means, said input means to enter said user access code, said programmable feature selection and said programmable feature activation time period;
- h. an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said programmable feature activation time period and said programmable mode selection means by controlling each of said multiple programmable modes based upon primary user programming of said multiple programmable modes and said programmable mode activation time for each of said unique secondary user codes.
- (New) The control system of claim 82 wherein said at least one unique secondary user code, said programmable mode selection and said programmable mode activation time period are programmed into said plurality of televisions by a remote member.
- (New) The control system of claim 82 wherein said control system controls a plurality of televisions each of said plurality of televisions having an integral control system.
- (New) The control system of claim 84 wherein one of said plurality of televisions has a master control system.
 - (New) The control system of claim 82 further comprising an alarm system.
- (New) The control system of 86 wherein said alarm system activated by removal of electrical power to said television for a predetermined period of time.
- (New) The control system of 86 wherein said alarm system activated by movement of said television for a predetermined period of time.
 - (New) The control system of 86 wherein said alarm system further comprises a GPS.